



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Financial Aid Awareness Week

WHEREAS, over 45,000 Rhode Island residents pursue a postsecondary education each year; and

WHEREAS, according to the College Board, median family incomes for families headed by college graduates were more than twice the median income for families headed by high school graduates in 2010; and

WHEREAS, tuition, fees, books, room and board at a public two year institution average \$15,296 for 2011-12, and tuition, fees, books, room and board at a private not-for-profit institution average \$42,224 for 2011-12; and

WHEREAS, financial aid programs at the federal, state, institutional, and private level are available to enhance educational access and choice for the residents of Rhode Island by promoting equality of opportunity for postsecondary education to students who would otherwise be restricted financially from participating in the educational program best suited for them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim January 22-28, 2012 as Financial Aid Awareness Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 20th day of January, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State